

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 23 as follows:

Additionally, adjuvants such as ~~Stimulon~~ STIMULON™ (Cambridge Bioscience, Worcester, MA) or SAF-1 (Syntex) may be used.

Please amend page 28 as follows:

Examples of solid supports that can be used are nitrocellulose (e.g., in membrane or microtiter well form), polyvinyl chloride (e.g., in sheets or microtiter wells), polystyrene latex (e.g., in beads or microtiter plates, polyvinylidene fluoride (known as ~~Immunolon~~ IMMUNOLON™), diazotized paper, nylon membranes, activated beads, and Protein A beads. For example, Dynatech ~~Immunolon~~ IMMUNOLON™ 1 or ~~Immunolon~~ IMMUNOLON™ 2 microtiter plates or 0.25 inch polystyrene beads (Precision Plastic Ball) can be used in the heterogeneous format.

Please amend page 34-35 as follows:

Natural SmD electroeluted from HeLa nuclear extracts immobilized on a PVDF membrane in a ~~ProSpin~~ PROSPIN™ device (Perkin Elmer, California, USA) was subjected to endoLys-C digestion to obtain detailed sequencing data of internal peptides.

Please amend page 35 as follows:

This protein, eluting a single peak upon reverse-phase chromatography, was analyzed by electrospray on a ~~Bio-Q~~ BIO-Q™ quadrupole mass spectrometer equipped with an electrospray ion source (Fisons).